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TOPIC Military Activity in Bernau, Eberswalde and SatskornEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 17 February 1955 25X1REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 22 January 1955, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was occupied by approximately 1,400 soldiers including some with tank and artillery insignia. Five 120-mm mortars, 8 x 57-mm AT guns and 6 T-34 tanks were seen in the installation. Trucks left the installation. ¹

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2. On 22 January, former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau was occupied by approximately 900 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen 100-mm AT guns were stored between the vehicle sheds. Full-track tractors were seen with the guns. Motor vehicles entered and left the installation. ² Sixteen canvas-covered vehicles, possibly rocket launchers, were seen in the installation. ³

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3. On 22 January, the following soldiers and material were entrained in Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau: 16 x 100-mm AT guns, 16 new trucks 1 field kitchen and, in 6 converted boxcars, approximately 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and full field equipment. The shipment was dispatched to the outer freight ring of Berlin. ⁴

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4. Prior to 22 January, the SS-Brieftaubenstation in Bernau was occupied by approximately 550 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Six AA guns with muzzle brakes, presumably of 85 mm caliber, and 4 heavy machine guns or light 20-mm AA guns were observed in the installation. Six heavy guns, which were covered by tarpaulins, were seen in a shed which was still under construction.

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5. The four emplaced 37-mm AA guns had been replaced by lighter guns, presumably of 200 mm. Approximately 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received instruction on the newly emplaced guns. A range finder with a base, approximately 500 mm long, and a barrel, approximately 80 mm in diameter, was seen with these soldiers. ⁵ At 0900 on 22 January, 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received training with homing pigeons. ⁶

6. At 1100 on 15 January, 8 x 76.2-mm AA guns were entrained in Bernau. The shipment which included 5 converted boxcars, left toward the Berlin outer freight ring. ⁷

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7. At noon on 17 January, 4 six-wheel amphibious vehicles [redacted] were seen in Eberswalde en route toward Finow. ° 25X1
8. The following shipments were observed at the Eberswalde railroad station:
- 17 January: At 1400, a train carrying 60 canvas-covered armored personnel carriers arrived from a northerly direction, presumably from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. The shipment included a boxcar with an escort party. The train, with the engine under steam, stood on the track pointing toward Berlin. 9
- 28 January: Between 0845 and 1300, 2 JS-3 tanks, 3 or 4 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks, and 4 or 5 SP guns were loaded onto a train which included 2 boxcars. 10
9. On 8 January, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse [redacted] in Eberswalde was about 40 percent occupied by approximately 150 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. 11 25X1
10. At 0830 and 1300 on 22 January, two shipments were entrained at the Satzkorn railroad station and left for Templin [redacted] 25X1
- The first shipment consisted of 5 x 122-mm field howitzers, 5 x 85-mm AT guns, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars, 2 field kitchens, 1 repair shop truck, 1 bus, 1 jeep, 39 trucks [redacted] 25X1
- 10 boxcars with soldiers and 2 boxcars with ammunition; and the second shipment consisted of 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 x 76-mm field guns, 3 field kitchens, 2 repair shop trucks, 1 ambulance, 35 trucks, 13 boxcars with soldiers and 2 boxcars with ammunition. 12 25X1
11. At 0300 on 23 January, shipment [redacted] from Bernau was unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station. The following troops and materiel were observed: 19 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 field kitchen, 1 field bakery ?, 8 boxcarloads of personnel, and 35 trucks [redacted] 4 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any changes. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The 71st Light Arty Brig is confirmed in the installation by heavy weapons [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Rocket launchers have not been observed in the former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau so far. The 312th Gds RL Regt of GSFG is believed to be stationed in the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse [redacted] 25X1
- in Fuerstenwalde and the 52d Gds RL Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne [redacted] in Bernau. The canvas-covered vehicles assumed to be rocket launchers may have been unloaded at the spur track of the installation for one of the above-mentioned units. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] a shipment of approximately 50 rocket launchers passed through Kuestrin and proceeded westward on 14 January. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. The shipment probably involved a firing detail of the 71st Light Arty Brig, which went from Bernau to Satzkorn (Doeberitz training grounds) [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any changes. 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. Training with homing pigeons was repeatedly observed in the installation. 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. This was probably an AAA firing detail of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] to Justerbog. 25X1

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8. Comment. The four amphibious vehicles are believed to belong to the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 25X1
9. Comment. The armored personnel carriers probably arrived from the USSR in connection with the exchange program previously reported. The destination of the shipment cannot be determined. 25X1
10. Comment. The shipment may have involved a tank firing detail of the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
11. Comment. The cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse is occupied by elements of the 118th Sig Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, presumably a telephone construction company, since trailers with poles and training with climbing irons on telegraph poles was repeatedly observed in the installation. 25X1
12. Comment. The second shipment involved artillery units of the 10th Gds Tank Div. 25X1

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